GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Sri L.Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar (now Retd.) – Registered doct.No.3490/2017 of SRO, Proddatur while working as Joint Sub Registrar-I without verification and caused loss of revenue of Rs.6,65,550/- to the State exchequer - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Sri L.Venkateswara Reddy, former Joint Sub-Registrar-I, RO, Proddatur and now District Registrar (Retired) – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.310 Dated:29-03-2023
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.160, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:29-03-2023.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri L.Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar (now Retd.), vide G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri L.Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar (now Retd.), in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri L.Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar (now Retd.) is directed to submit his written statement of defence, within 10 days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri L.Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar (now Retd.) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri L.Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar (now Retd.) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. The receipt of this G.O may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri L.Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar (now Retd.) (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District.

Copy to:
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kadapa.
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ANNEXURE-I

ARTICLES OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI L.VENKATESWARA REDDY, DISTRICT REGISTRAR RETIRED ON 30.06.2020 ON ATTAINING THE AGE OF SUPERANNUATION.

Charge - 1:

That you, Sri L. Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar retired, while working as Joint Sub Registrar-1, S.R.O Proddtaur has registered document No. 3490/2017 of S.R.O Proddatur for which a deficit of Rs. 6,65,550/- was pointed out by District Registrar, Proddatur as the parties suppressed the values of structures in the document. Hence Sri L. Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar retired, while working as Joint Sub Registrar-I, have committed a grave misconduct by deliberately registering the document number 3490/2017 of SRO Proddatur without proper verification and caused loss of revenue of Rs. 6,65,550/- to the State Exchequer.

Thus by the above mentioned act, Sri L. Venkateswara Reddy, the then Joint Sub Registrar - I, S.R.O. Proddatur, retired District Registrar, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct of unbecoming of a Government Servant and has caused embarrassment to the Department and thereby contravened Rules 3(1), (2) and (3) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI L. VENKATESWARA REDDY, DISTRICT REGISTRAR, RETIRED ON 30.06.2020 ON ATTAINING THE AGE OF SUPERANNUATION.

Sri L. Venkateswara Reddy, District Registrar, retired, is a native of Ulchala Village, Kurnool District. His date of birth is 01.07.1960. He joined into the Government service as LDC on 02.01.1986 District Court, Mahaboob Nagar and further on departmental transfer he was transferred to Office of Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Hyderabad as junior Assistant on 17.03.1993. Further he was promoted as Senior Assistant and Sub Registrar Grade-II and then as Sub Registrar Grade -I and promoted as District Registrar on 09.10.2018 and retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2020.

The Deputy Inspector General, Chittoor, submitted vide his letter No. G/378/2023 dated 23.03.2023 that, the then District Registrar, Proddatur has issued Proceedings No. G1/1465/2019 dt.27.4.2021 directing the parties to pay Rs.6,65,000/- towards deficit stamp duty and registration fee in respect of document number 3490/2017 and the Joint Sub-Registrar-1, Proddatur was also directed to make note for Rs.6,65,550/- in the Index-II particulars of that document. Further submitted that the Joint Sub Registrar, Proddatur has deliberately registered the document No. 3490/2017 of SRO Proddatur without proper verification and caused loss of revenue of Rs. 6,65,550/-.

Thus, the Government servant by his above mentioned act has exhibited lack of absolute integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and has caused embarrassment to the Department in as much as while acting as Joint Sub-Registrar-I, Sub Registrar Office, Proddatur. He has failed to follow the Registration Act, Rules and also instructions of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps department. The action of the Sub-Registrar appears to be callous as he did not properly scrutinize in the documents. Sri L. Venkateswara Reddy while working as Joint Sub Registrar-I, Proddatur has committed a grave misconduct by deliberately registering the documents without proper verification.

Hence, he is liable for disciplinary action.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI L.VENKATESWARA REDDY, DISTRICT REGISTRAR (RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

List of documents:

1. District Registrar, Proddatur Procgs. No. G1/1465/2019 dated:27.04.2021.
2. Copy of document number 3490/2017 of S.R.O Proddatur.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI L.VENKATESWARA REDDY, DISTRICT REGISTRAR (RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

List of witnesses:

-Nil-

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